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EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN & UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

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The district's liaison for homeless students and their families shall coordinate with local social services agencies that provide services to homeless children, youths, and their families; other school districts on issues of transportation and records transfers; and state and local housing agencies responsible for comprehensive housing affordability strategies. The district's liaison will review and recommend to the district policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless students and conduct an annual staff training for the district to review the qualifications, forms, and procedures of McKinney-Vento Act

Dispute Resolution

If an unaccompanied youth or parent or guardian disagrees with a school placement decision, the district must provide a written explanation of its decision and the right to appeal. All unaccompanied homeless youth or the parents or guardians of homeless students must be informed of the right to appeal the district's school placement decision and must be given a JFADB-R form to submit to the district's Homeless Liaison. The Homeless Liaison, working with the parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall attempt to resolve the dispute at the building level with the Principal within 5 working days of receipt of the form.

If a building-level resolution is not possible, the Homeless Liaison shall submit the completed JFADB-R form to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent shall review the request and render a decision within 5 working days of receipt of the form from the Homeless Liaison. If more than one school district is involved in a residence dispute, the respective superintendents shall consider an appeal jointly.

A written explanation of the Superintendent's decision shall be provided to the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth. The Superintendent's explanation shall include a statement informing the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth of the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Education and the State Commissioner of Education. The district's Homeless Liaison shall assist the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth with preparation of an appeal to the Board of Education or the State Commissioner of Education.

If the unaccompanied youth or parent or guardian wishes to appeal the Superintendent's decision, that individual shall inform the Homeless L

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